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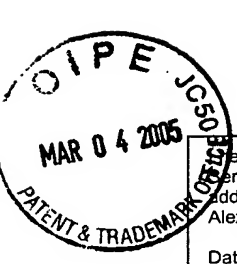
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For: CONTROL METHOD FOR HEATING
PROCESSING SYSTEM

Examiner: H. B. Tanner

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 4, 2005 (Paper No. 20050201).

The Examiner required restriction between the following distinct species of the inventions, namely, the species of Figures 1, 4, 8 and 9. The Examiner further notes that there is no current generic claim that covers all of the foregoing species. As is typical with Species type restrictions, the Examiner requests that we identify the claims that read upon the elected species.

Applicants elect the Species of Figure 4, and note that claims 1-4 are readable upon the elected Species.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is generic to all of the elected Species; claims 2 and 3 are generic to the Species of Figures 1, 4 and 8; and claim 4 is generic to the Species of Figures 4 and 9.

Applicants respectfully assert that a single search of pertinent prior art would appear to suffice for all aspects of the invention. Specifically, the various Groups appear to be so interrelated that a single examination would not appear to place a serious burden on the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant urges the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement.


Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that all of the claims presently pending in this application be examined.

As set forth above, Applicants hereby elect Figure 4, claims 1-4 for continued examination, with traverse.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this statement. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. SIW-028 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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